

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising  
  
a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color,  
  
wherein, when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body for at least once one revolution at least either:  
  
when said image forming apparatus starts to continuously form the images, or  
  
when said image forming apparatus ends the continuous formation of the images.
2. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
  
when said image forming apparatus continuously forms the images on the plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using said developer of the single color, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body every time a number of sheets of media on which the images have been formed reaches a predetermined number of sheets.

3. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at least once during  
rotational movement of said rotating body.
4. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein  
said developer container includes:  
a developer bearing body for bearing the developer; and  
a developer supplying member for supplying the developer to said developer bearing  
body.
5. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:  
said image forming apparatus further comprises an image bearing body for bearing a  
latent image;  
said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body; and  
the direction from the developer container, which is attached to said rotating body and  
which contains said developer of the single color, towards said rotating shaft when said image  
forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during rotational movement of said  
rotating body is in the direction from said rotating shaft towards said developer container that  
contains said developer of the single color when said rotating body is positioned at a  
predetermined developing position for developing said latent image with said developer of the  
single color bore by said developer bearing body.

6. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

said developer container includes:

a partitioning wall ~~that is for partitioning said developer, and that~~ the partitioning wall  
~~protrudes~~ protruding inward from an inner wall of said developer container, and

two developer containing sections formed by partitioning said developer container with  
said partitioning wall; and

said developer supplying member is provided in one of said two developer containing  
sections.

7. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during rotational  
movement of said rotating body, an angle formed between a protruding direction of said  
partitioning wall of the developer container that is attached to said rotating body and that  
contains said developer of the single color and a vertically downward direction is smaller than  
90°.

8. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

a halt position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily  
halts said rotating body during rotational movement of said rotating body is a standby position of  
said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an  
image to be carried out.

9. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said developer of the single color is black developer.

10. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said developer container ~~is not provided with~~ is operable without a stirring member for stirring the developer.

11. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising  
a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color, wherein:

when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number~~ of sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body for at least one revolution at least either:

when said image forming apparatus starts to continuously form the images, or

when said image forming apparatus ends the continuous formation of the images; and

when said image forming apparatus continuously forms the images on the plurality of number of sheets of media using said developer of the single color, said image

forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body every time a number of sheets of media on which the images have been formed reaches a predetermined number of sheets;

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at least once during rotational movement of said rotating body;

said developer container includes

a developer bearing body for bearing the developer, and

a developer supplying member for supplying the developer to said developer bearing body;

said image forming apparatus further comprises an image bearing body for bearing a latent image;

said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body;

the direction from the developer container, which is attached to said rotating body and which contains said developer of the single color, towards said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during rotational movement of said rotating body is in the direction from said rotating shaft towards said developer container that contains said developer of the single color when said rotating body is positioned at a predetermined developing position for developing said latent image with said developer of the single color bore by said developer bearing body;

said developer container includes

a partitioning wall that is for partitioning said developer and that protrudes inward from an inner wall of said developer container, and

two developer containing sections formed by partitioning said developer container with said partitioning wall;

said developer supplying member is provided in one of said two developer containing sections;

when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during rotational movement of said rotating body, an angle formed between

a protruding direction of said partitioning wall of the developer container that is attached to said rotating body and that contains said developer of the single color and

a vertically downward direction is smaller than 90°;

a halt position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during rotational movement of said rotating body is a standby position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an image to be carried out;

said developer of the single color is black developer; and

said developer container is ~~not provided with~~ operable without a stirring member for stirring the developer.

12. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising

a rotatable rotating body that is provided with a plurality of developer containers, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color,

wherein, when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said

developer containers, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body for at least ~~one~~ one revolution at least either:

- when said image forming apparatus starts to continuously form the images, or
- when said image forming apparatus ends the continuous formation of the images.

13. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:

- a computer;
- a display device that is connectable to said computer; and
- an image forming apparatus, wherein: said image forming apparatus is connectable to said computer; said image forming apparatus includes a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; and when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body for at least ~~one~~ one revolution at least either:

- when said image forming apparatus starts to continuously form the images, or
- when said image forming apparatus ends the continuous formation of the images.

14. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising

a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color, wherein:

said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body at a predetermined frequency when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body; and

the predetermined frequency after a number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached a predetermined number of sheets is higher than the predetermined frequency before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets.

15. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 14, wherein:

when said image forming apparatus continuously forms the images on the plurality of number of sheets of media using said developer of the single color, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body every time said number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed reaches a unit number of sheets; and

the unit number of sheets after said number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached said predetermined number of sheets is smaller than the unit number of sheets before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets.



16. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 14, wherein:  
the rotational movement of said rotating body is one revolution; and  
said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at least once during one revolution of said rotating body.
17. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein  
said developer container includes:  
a developer bearing body for bearing the developer; and  
a developer supplying member for supplying the developer to said developer bearing body.
18. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:  
said image forming apparatus further comprises an image bearing body for bearing a latent image;  
said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body; and  
the direction from the developer container, which is attached to said rotating body and which contains said developer of the single color, towards said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during one revolution of said rotating body is in the direction from said rotating shaft towards said developer container that contains said developer of the single color when said rotating body is positioned at a predetermined

developing position for developing said latent image with said developer of the single color bore by said developer bearing body.

19. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:  
said developer container includes

a partitioning wall ~~that is for partitioning said developer, the partitioning wall protruding~~  
~~and that protrudes~~ inward from an inner wall of said developer container, and

two developer containing sections formed by partitioning said developer container with  
said partitioning wall; and

said developer supplying member is provided in one of said two developer containing  
sections.

20. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein

when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during one  
revolution of said rotating body, an angle formed between

a protruding direction of said partitioning wall of the developer container that is attached  
to said rotating body and that contains said developer of the single color and a vertically  
downward direction is smaller than 90°.

21. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 20, wherein

a halt position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily  
halts said rotating body during one revolution of said rotating body is a standby position of said

rotating body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an image to be carried out.

22. (original): An image forming apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said developer of the single color is black developer.

23. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said developer container ~~is not provided with~~ is operable without a stirring member for stirring the developer.

24. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color, wherein:

said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body at a predetermined frequency when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body;

the predetermined frequency after a number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached a predetermined number of sheets is higher than the predetermined frequency before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets;

when said image forming apparatus continuously forms the images on the plurality of number of sheets of media using said developer of the single color, said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body every time said number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed reaches a unit number of sheets;

the unit number of sheets after said number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached said predetermined number of sheets is smaller than the unit number of sheets before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets;

the rotational movement of said rotating body is one revolution;

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at least once during one revolution of said rotating body;

said developer container includes

a partitioning wall that is for partitioning said developer and that protrudes inward from an inner wall of said developer container, and

two developer containing sections formed by partitioning said developer container with said partitioning wall;

when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during one revolution of said rotating body, an angle formed between

a protruding direction of said partitioning wall of the developer container that is attached to said rotating body and that contains said developer of the single color and

a vertically downward direction

is smaller than 90°;

said developer container includes

a developer bearing body for bearing the developer, and

a developer supplying member for supplying the developer to said developer bearing body;

said developer supplying member is provided in one of said two developer containing sections;

said image forming apparatus further comprises an image bearing body for bearing a latent image;

said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body;

the direction from the developer container, which is attached to said rotating body and which contains said developer of the single color, towards said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during one revolution of said rotating body is in the direction from said rotating shaft towards said developer container that contains said developer of the single color when said rotating body is positioned at a predetermined developing position for developing said latent image with said developer of the single color bore by said developer bearing body;

a halt position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body during one revolution of said rotating body is a standby position of said rotating body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an image to be carried out;

said developer of the single color is black developer; and

said developer container is ~~not provided with~~ operable without a stirring member for stirring the developer.

25. (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising

a rotatable rotating body that is provided with a plurality of developer containers, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color, wherein:

said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body at a predetermined frequency when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers; and

the predetermined frequency after a number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached a predetermined number of sheets is higher than the predetermined frequency before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets.

26. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:

a computer;

a display device that is connectable to said computer; and

an image forming apparatus, wherein: said image forming apparatus is connectable to said computer; said image forming apparatus includes a rotatable rotating body to and from which a plurality of developer containers can be attached and detached, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; said image forming apparatus causes rotational movement of said rotating body at a predetermined frequency when said image forming apparatus continuously forms images on a plurality of ~~number of~~ sheets of

media using the developer of a single color contained in one of said developer containers attached to said rotating body; and the predetermined frequency after a number of sheets of media on which the images have been continuously formed has reached a predetermined number of sheets is higher than the predetermined frequency before said number of sheets reaches said predetermined number of sheets.

27. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising  
a movable moving body to and from which a developer container for containing developer can be attached and detached, wherein  
upon detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to a predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be detached.

28. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:  
said developer container has a storage element for storing information about said developer container; and  
said image forming apparatus carries out communication with said storage element when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position.

29. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein  
a movement speed at which said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position reaches its maximum right before said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once.
30. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein:  
a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said moving body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; and  
said movement speed that has reached its maximum right before said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once is approximately the same as a movement speed at which said moving body moves when an image is formed on a medium using the developers of the plurality of the different colors that are contained in said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body.
31. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:  
said moving body is a rotatable rotating body;  
said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body, an axial direction of said rotating shaft intersecting with the vertical direction; and



the developer container that is to be detached is positioned lower, in the vertical direction, than said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body while said rotating body rotationally moves to said predetermined detachment position.

32. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, wherein  
said image forming apparatus further comprises a developer receiving member that is for receiving the developer and that is positioned at a lower side, in the vertical direction, of said rotating body.

33. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, wherein:  
said developer container has  
a developer bearing body for bearing the developer, and  
an opening towards which said developer bearing body faces; and  
said opening of the developer container that is to be detached is positioned at a lower side, in the vertical direction, of said developer container when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body while said rotating body rotationally moves to said predetermined detachment position.

34. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 33, wherein  
said opening of said developer container that is to be detached is positioned at an upper side, in the vertical direction, of said developer container when said rotating body has rotationally moved to said predetermined detachment position.

35. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 33, wherein:
- said developer container includes a developer charging member that is for electrically charging the developer bore by said developer bearing body, and that has
- an abutting member that abuts against said developer bearing body, and
- a supporting member for supporting said abutting member;
- said developer charging member faces said opening from the outside; and
- said supporting member has a slide member on the surface thereof for causing the developer to slide.
36. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein
- a halt position of said moving body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position is a standby position of said moving body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an image to be carried out.
37. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein:
- said moving body is a rotatable rotating body;
- said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body, an axial direction of said rotating shaft intersecting with the vertical direction;

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said rotating body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; and

the developer container for containing black developer is positioned lower, in the vertical direction, than said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at said standby position.

38. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said moving body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color;

said image forming apparatus has

a plural-color image-forming mode in which said image forming apparatus forms an image on a medium using the developers of the plurality of the different colors that are contained in said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body, and

a single-color image-forming mode in which said image forming apparatus forms an image on a medium using developer that is of a single color and that is contained in one of said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body; and

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position if

the image-forming mode of said image forming apparatus right before the detachment of said developer container is said single-color image-forming mode, and

the developer container that is to be detached is the developer container that contains said developer of the single color.

39. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said moving body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; and

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position if the developer container that is to be detached is the developer container that contains black developer.

40. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising

a movable moving body to and from which a developer container for containing developer can be attached and detached, wherein:

upon detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to a predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be detached;

said developer container has a storage element for storing information about said developer container;

said image forming apparatus carries out communication with said storage element when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position;

a movement speed at which said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position reaches its maximum right before said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once;

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said moving body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color;

said movement speed that has reached its maximum right before said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once is approximately the same as a movement speed at which said moving body moves when an image is formed on a medium using the developers of the plurality of the different colors that are contained in said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body;

said moving body is a rotatable rotating body;

said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body, an axial direction of said rotating shaft intersecting with the vertical direction;

the developer container that is to be detached is positioned lower, in the vertical direction, than said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body while said rotating body rotationally moves to said predetermined detachment position;

said image forming apparatus further comprises a developer receiving member that is for receiving the developer and that is positioned at a lower side, in the vertical direction, of said rotating body;

said developer container has

a developer bearing body for bearing the developer, and

an opening towards which said developer bearing body faces;

said opening of the developer container that is to be detached is positioned at a lower side, in the vertical direction, of said developer container when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body while said rotating body rotationally moves to said predetermined detachment position; and

said opening of said developer container that is to be detached is positioned at an upper side, in the vertical direction, of said developer container when said rotating body has rotationally moved to said predetermined detachment position.

41. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising

a movable moving body to and from which a developer container for containing developer can be attached and detached, wherein:

upon detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to a predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be detached;

a halt position of said moving body for when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position is a standby position of said moving body for when said image forming apparatus is on standby for formation of an image to be carried out;

said moving body is a rotatable rotating body;

said rotating body has a rotating shaft at the center of said rotating body, an axial direction of said rotating shaft intersecting with the vertical direction;

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said rotating body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color; and

the developer container for containing black developer is positioned lower, in the vertical direction, than said rotating shaft when said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said rotating body at said standby position.

42. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising

a movable moving body to and from which a developer container for containing developer can be attached and detached, wherein:

upon detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to a predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be detached;

a plurality of the developer containers can be attached to and detached from said moving body, each of said developer containers being capable of containing developer of a different color;

said image forming apparatus has

a plural-color image-forming mode in which said image forming apparatus forms an image on a medium using the developers of the plurality of the different colors that are contained in said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body, and

a single-color image-forming mode in which said image forming apparatus forms an image on a medium using developer that is of a single color and that is contained in one of said plurality of developer containers attached to said moving body;

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position if

the image-forming mode of said image forming apparatus right before the detachment of said developer container is said single-color image-forming mode, and

the developer container that is to be detached is the developer container that contains said developer of the single color; and

said image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to said predetermined detachment position if the developer container that is to be detached is the developer container that contains black developer.



43. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising  
a movable moving body that is provided with a developer container for containing  
developer, wherein  
upon detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said  
image forming apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving  
body moves to a predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be  
detached.
44. (withdrawn): An image forming system comprising:  
a computer;  
a display device that is connectable to said computer; and  
an image forming apparatus, wherein: said image forming apparatus is connectable to  
said computer; said image forming apparatus includes a movable moving body to and from  
which a developer container for containing developer can be attached and detached; and upon  
detachment of said developer container that is attached to said moving body, said image forming  
apparatus temporarily halts said moving body at least once while said moving body moves to a  
predetermined detachment position at which said developer container can be detached.

45. (withdrawn): A developing device comprising:
- a developer bearing body for bearing developer;
  - an abutting member that abuts against said developer bearing body;
  - an opposing member that is arranged in opposition to said abutting member on a side opposite from said developer bearing body with respect to said abutting member; and
  - a sealing member that is for preventing the developer from spilling from between said abutting member and said opposing member, and that is bonded to both said abutting member and said opposing member.
46. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 45, wherein
- said abutting member is a thickness restricting member for restricting the thickness of a layer of the developer bore by said developer bearing body.
47. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 45, wherein
- said abutting member is a developer collecting member for collecting the developer bore by said developer bearing body into said developing device.
48. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 45, wherein
- said sealing member is bonded to both said abutting member and said opposing member by a double-faced tape.

49. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 48, wherein  
a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said abutting member is different from a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said opposing member.

50. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 48, wherein  
an area of the double-faced tape in which said sealing member is bonded to said abutting member is different from an area of the double-faced tape in which said sealing member is bonded to said opposing member.

51. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 46, wherein:  
said sealing member is bonded to both said thickness restricting member and said opposing member by a double-faced tape; and  
a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said thickness restricting member is smaller than a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said opposing member.

52. (withdrawn): A developing device according to claim 51, wherein:  
said thickness restricting member has  
an abutting section that abuts against said developer bearing body, and  
a supporting section for supporting said abutting section;

said sealing member is bonded to both said supporting section and said opposing member by the double-faced tape;

said supporting section is made of metal; and

said opposing member is made of resin.

53. (withdrawn): A developing device comprising:

a developer bearing body for bearing developer;

an abutting member that abuts against said developer bearing body;

an opposing member that is arranged in opposition to said abutting member on a side opposite from said developer bearing body with respect to said abutting member; and

a sealing member that is for preventing the developer from spilling from between said abutting member and said opposing member, and that is bonded to both said abutting member and said opposing member by a double-faced tape, wherein:

a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said abutting member is different from a bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said opposing member;

said abutting member is a thickness restricting member for restricting the thickness of a layer of the developer bore by said developer bearing body;

the bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said thickness restricting member is smaller than the bond strength of the double-faced tape for bonding said sealing member to said opposing member;

said thickness restricting member has an abutting section that abuts against said developer bearing body, and

a supporting section for supporting said abutting section;

said sealing member is bonded to both said supporting section and said opposing member by the double-faced tape;

said supporting section is made of metal; and

said opposing member is made of resin.

54. (withdrawn): An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image bearing body for bearing a latent image; and

a developing device, said developing device including

a developer bearing body for bearing developer,

an abutting member that abuts against said developer bearing body,

an opposing member that is arranged in opposition to said abutting member on a side opposite from said developer bearing body with respect to said abutting member, and

a sealing member that is for preventing the developer from spilling from between said abutting member and said opposing member, and that is bonded to both said abutting member and said opposing member, and

said developing device being capable of developing the latent image bore by said image bearing body using the developer bore by said developer bearing body.

55. (withdrawn): An image forming system comprising:
- a computer;
  - a display device that is connectable to said computer; and
  - an image forming apparatus that is connectable to said computer, and that includes:
    - an image bearing body for bearing a latent image; and
    - a developing device, said developing device having
      - a developer bearing body for bearing developer,
      - an abutting member that abuts against said developer bearing body,
      - an opposing member that is arranged in opposition to said abutting member on a side opposite from said developer bearing body with respect to said abutting member, and
      - a sealing member that is for preventing the developer from spilling from between said abutting member and said opposing member, and that is bonded to both said abutting member and said opposing member, and said developing device being capable of developing the latent image bore by said image bearing body using the developer bore by said developer bearing body.